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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN PUNE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges operating in Maharashtra particularly in Pune district;

(b) the telephone exchanges in Pune district that are not capable to link to the remote and rural areas of the district with the urban areas;

(c) whether a demand for opening 250 new exchanges in Pune district has been received by his Ministry;

(d) if so, whether former Minister had also assured the public representatives of that area to solve the problem; and

(e) the progress has been made in this regard, so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) 4699 number of Telephone Exchanges are working in Maharashtra State as on 31.10.2002. In Pune District 283 Telephone Exchanges are working.

(b) All the exchanges are capable to link to remote and rural areas of district.

(c) No such demand has been received so far. However during the year 2002-03 there is a proposal of opening 8 number of Telephone Exchanges in Pune District.

(d)&(e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.